



SUMMER TERM (1)



15TH APRIL 2024

WEEK 1

Welcome back everyone to the Summer Term. We hope you have all had a lovely break and were able to spend some time in the sunshine.

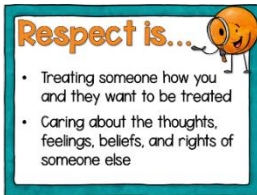


We are looking forward to a very busy, fun-filled term ahead!

Values at Stepping Stones

The Values of the Week are Respect and Responsibility

We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and the children will be introduced to this week's values, **Respect and Responsibility**.



As a whole school, we will be looking closely at respect and what it means and what it looks like.

Of course, as usual, do send in your **home nominations for how your child has shown respect at home**. Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination, which will be read out and celebrated at Daily Meeting

We do enjoy sharing and celebrating your home nominations on our values board in school.



Staffing update: a message from Mrs Hamer.

Dear Parents,

I am now returning to my other school full-time and my time as Acting Head at Stepping Stones has come to a close. Your new Headteacher has now been appointed for the Autumn term 2024 and it is a very exciting time for the school going forward. I would like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome and it has been a privilege to have worked with your children over the last term. I wish you all the best of luck going forward and hope you have a fabulous Summer Term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hamer.

Miss Meacham will be returning to the role of Acting Headteacher for the Summer term 2024.

Ms Dowker, an experienced SENCo and member of the senior leadership team within her mainstream school, will be joining our staff team on secondment for the Summer term. She will be supporting with PPA cover for each class and supporting with the SENCo role at Stepping Stones.

Key Reminders

Behaviour and Safety



Our three school rules are

- Be respectful
- Be Safe
- Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard

The children worked hard last term to follow the school rules and use their strategies, values and growth mindset to help them manage the more tricky parts to their day.

Thank you for all your support at home, we are seeing many of our children, including our new friends over the past few weeks, trying especially hard to make good choices and follow our school rules, especially around keeping themselves and others safe. The children's nominations for each other are thoughtful and meaningful! 😊

Class Dojo



Our main way of communication is Class Dojo. Please ensure you are signed up to this App so that you do not miss any key reminders or information regarding your child's school day and events. It is upsetting for the children if they are not prepared for any changes or events when they get to school.

Also make sure that all phone numbers and key contacts are up to date. In case of an emergency, we must have up to date phone numbers. Parents/Carers can also ring the school office from 8:00am if required.

Letters to return to school: Any money coming into school e.g. dinners, trips should be in a named envelope please. Medication should always be handed to the Passenger Assistant in a named envelope also. Thank you.



School Uniform – just as children do in mainstream schools, all our children at Stepping Stones are also expected to wear our school uniform please. Thank you to all those who are supporting the school with this, the children do look smart and ready for learning in their uniforms!

Please read the class newsletter / information on Class Dojo to find your child's PE day. Please do check with your child's class teacher if you have missed this information, thank you.

On return for the Summer Term this week, please do ensure your child is in the correct uniform for school, thank you:



- Our school uniform is navy blue jumper / cardigan. White polo / shirt/ t shirt.
- **Dark grey or black trousers/** leggings, skirt / shorts or jogging bottoms. **NO LOGOS** please.
- Children should be wearing **black school shoes or plain black trainers. Again, no logos** please.
- Children who are with us for short periods of time may choose to wear their mainstream school uniform.

- We do have uniform available to purchase if you wish your child to have a jumper with a logo / t shirt with a logo.

Only on PE days children may wear their PE kit.

Again, this should be plain **non-branded** joggers / shorts and **plain PE T- shirts** (White, blue, black). **NO FOOTBALL** shirts or **hoodies**. They can wear their navy jumper over the top.

Things from home A reminder for the new term:

Your child does not need to bring anything other than a water bottle to school. All equipment is provided.

If it has been agreed for the child to have a comforter e.g. teddy, this needs to be agreed with the class teacher and the teacher will set rules around where this stays during learning times.

We don't encourage children to bring things for the following reasons....

- It causes problems / difficulties and can cause further upset for your child when we have rules about objects.
- It may go missing, lost, misplaced etc.
- It could get damaged.

We encourage children to take responsibility for their bags, clothing etc. It is also really helpful if school jumpers/cardigans are named.

Please do not send your child with objects from home. We cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged items. Please do not send your child with expensive clothing / objects. Jewelry is not to be worn in school. If a child's ears are pierced then the expectation is for studs only to be worn, for safety reasons. Thank you.

Thank You in advance for all for your continued support this coming term; for mirroring our school ethos and school values at home.

Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

Miss Meacham and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School



